

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

April 2011 – Week 2

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TITLE: THE RAVEN ON TRIAL

APRIL 1832 AND BIG DRUNK TAKES ON CONGRESS.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

APRIL 13, 1832. WASHINGTON. AFTER YEARS AMONGST THE CHEROKEES, SAM HOUSTON IS IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL ON BUSINESS.

SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE, CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM STANBERY OF OHIO HAD PUBLICLY INSULTED HOUSTON, ACCUSING HIM OF FRAUD.

THE TWO MEET ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND A FIGHT ENSUES. USING A HICKORY CANE, HOUSTON ATTACKS! STANBERY PULLS A PISTOL BUT THE GUN MISFIRES.

HOUSTON IS ARRESTED AND HIRES FRANCIS SCOTT KEY AS HIS ATTORNEY. AFTER A SENSATIONAL TRIAL, HE'S LET GO WITH A REPRIMAND FROM CONGRESS.

EIGHT MONTHS LATER, HOUSTON IS GONE TO TEXAS.

SAM HOUSTON WHUPPED A CONGRESSMAN 179 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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